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Chapter XI
Tokelau

1. At its 11th meeting, on 26 September 2002, the Special Committee resumed its consideration of the question of Tokelau and, in particular, the findings of the United Nations Mission to Tokelau, 2002 which took place from 14 to 24 August 2002.

2. At the same meeting, the Chairman drew attention to the draft report of the United Nations Mission to Tokelau, 2002, distributed as a conference room paper (A/AC.109/2002/CRP.2), and, in his capacity as Chairman of the Mission, introduced the report of the Mission (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.11).

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, the United Republic of Tanzania, Bolivia and the Congo. The representative of New Zealand, the administrating Power of Tokelau, made a statement (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.11).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the report of the United Nations Mission to Tokelau, 2002, and authorized its Rapporteur to submit the report directly to the General Assembly at it fifty-seventh session for its consideration as well as to introduce before the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) appropriate amendments to the draft resolution on the question of Tokelau contained in chapter XIII of its report to the Assembly (A/57/23 (Part III)).